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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 2216

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, SO, US
SUBJ: ASSIGNMENT OF A US MILITARY ATTACHE TO SOMALIA

REF: JIDDA 8660

1. I COULD NOT HELP BUT BE BOTH INTERESTED AND AMUSED BY THE SUGGESTION VIA THE SAUDIS THAT THE US ASSIGN A MILITARY ATTACHE TO MOGADISCIO. PRESIDENT SIAD WAS THE LAST SOMALI LEADER TO MENTION THIS SUBJECT WHEN HE SAID TO ME ON OCTOBER 26TH THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD HAVE A MILITARY ATTACHE IN MOGADISCIO WHEN THE ATTACHE HAD SOMETHING TO DO, BUT "NOT FOR COLLECTING INFORMATION". THE IMPLICATION WAS CLEAR. IF THE USG WERE READY TO PROVIDE ARMS FOR SOMALIA, THE WELCOME MAT WOULD BE OUT. INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS, HOWEVER WERE UNWELCOME. I TAKE IT THE ANTE HAS DROPPED, OR ENLIGHTENED SELF INTEREST IS BEING SHOWN, ALTHOUGH PRIDE OBVIATES A MORE DIRECT RESPONSE.
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AT ANY RATE, NEITHER THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE OR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAW FIT TO MENTION A MILITARY ATTACHE WHEN THEY HAD GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO IN LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS ON DEC 18.

2. FOR MY PART I AM DISPOSED TO WAIT UNTIL SOMALI LEADERS MAKE A MORE DIRECT APPROACH. I DO NOT BELIEVE

THAT IN THE INTERIM THE USG WILL LOSE VERY MUCH BY WAY
OF INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION. I ALSO THINK IT WELL TO
UNDERSCORE FOR THE SOMALIS THAT WE ARE NOT OVERLY
ANXIOUS TO RESPOND TO THEIR APPARENTLY CASUAL RESPONSES.
IN GOOD TIME I SEE ADVANTAGES OF HAVING A TRAINED
MILITARY OBSERVER ON THE EMBASSY STAFF, BUT THE DOORS
MUST BE OPENED WIDER AND THE REPLIES FROM THE GSDR BE
MORE DIRECT BEFORE THAT TIME IS UPON US.
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